

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P., AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	DOCKET NOS. SPU-02-11 SPU-02-13
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ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

(Issued October 21, 2002)

On August 19, 2002, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order docketing these two appeals from decisions of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, consolidating them for hearing, and setting a procedural schedule. On October 10, 2002, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), filed a petition to intervene, stating it has an unique interest in the issues to be considered by the Board in this proceeding. Iowa Telecom does not indicate whether it will advocate views that are aligned with the views of the petitioners, Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint), and Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3). Iowa Telecom acknowledges that it is intervening after the 20-day intervention period provided by 199 IAC 7.2(8), but states that it was not aware of its potential interest in this docket until after that deadline had passed.

Subrule 7.2(8) provides that, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, a petition to intervene must be filed within 20 days of the order setting the procedural schedule, except for good cause shown. The Board finds that Iowa Telecom has shown good

cause for delaying the filing of its petition to intervene in this docket, so the 20-day limit does not apply and the petition to intervene will be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene filed in this docket on October 10, 2002, by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21st day of October, 2002.